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TO DOUBLE-CROP 250,000 HECTARES

44,000-HECTARE INCREASE OVER 1949 -- Die Wirtschaft, No 8, 23 Feb 50

The 1950 Economic Plan for Soviet Zone Germany provides for an expansion of double-cropping to 250,000 hectares, an increase of approximately 44,000 hectares compared with 1949. The planting of secondary crops is vitally necessary in order to improve the soil and to increase the amount of fodder. In order to expedite the program, seed for feed legumes, maize, millet, mustard, and sunflower will be furnished to farmers after 1 June 1950 without being deducted from their allotments of edible grain seed. Also, since the requirements for draft power for the planting of secondary crops are at their peak at the same time as the requirements for the harvest, every effort will be made to pool draft power in the villages, and the MAS (machine-rental stations) will include the planting of secondary crops in their plans for the utilization of their tractors. In many cases a second trailer attachment can be coupled to a tractor to prepare the ground for the second planting at the same time that the stubble is being plowed under.

The law governing measures to be put into effect to achieve prewar hectare yields calls for planting of secondary crops on the following areas (in hectares): Brandenburg 40,000, Mecklenburg 30,000, Sachsen-Anhalt 70,000, Sachsen 75,000, and Thuringen 35,000. Altogether, 10 percent of the arable land area should be double-cropped if possible.

Climatic conditions will determine whether the secondary crops should be summer or winter crops. Winter rape, winter rapeseed, early potatoes, winter barley, and rye are the best winter crops, while summer barley, winter barley, and winter rye are good for planting in conjunction with stubble plowing.

FARMERS TO GET MORE FERTILIZER -- Land und Forst, No 3, 15 Jan 50

To cope with the increase in agricultural yields provided for under the 1949-50 planting schedule, fertilizing agents as outlined below will be made available to farmers. The distribution of phosphorus fertilizers shows an increase of 50 percent compared with 1949.

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186,500 tons nitrogen	=	935,000 tons nitrogenous fertilizer
95,000 " phosphoric acid	=	550,000 " phosphorus fertilizer
275,000 " potassium	=	1,000,000 " potassium salts
460,000 " calcium oxide	=	750,000 " lime fertilizer

3,235,000 tons

BUYS UP FARM PRODUCTS -- Land und Forst, No 3, 15 Jan 50

The Georgi Dimitroff farm in Hirschfeld (Meissen district) sold the following products to the Association of People-Owned Agricultural Enterprises (VVEAB) during the "week of large-scale purchases": 5,000 kilograms of milk, 30 fowl, 100 eggs, 150 kilograms of pork, 2,000 kilograms of mutton and beef (7 sheep, 3 bulls), 4,300 kilograms of rapeseed, 2,100 kilograms of poppyseed, 10,700 kilograms of potatoes, 25,000 kilograms of oats, and 27,000 kilograms of wheat.

ACHIEVES NEW CROSSBREED OF SHEEP -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 53, 3 Mar 50

Sheepbreeder (fnu) Nadler of the experimental station for sheepbreeding in Tonndorf (Thuringen) has been successful in crossing highgrade East Frisian milk sheep with sheep from Rhoe, Thuringen, which furnish only meat and wool. The resulting crossbreed yields not only meat and wool but also a yearly average of 80 liters of milk with a fat content of 8-11 percent.

PRODUCES AGRICULTURAL MACHINES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 53, 3 Mar 50

The Rostock agricultural machinery plant is scheduled to produce, in 1950, 1,000 potato sorters of the Rekord type and 300 mechanical threshers type DL LO, as well as replacement parts for agricultural machines and equipment. The plant will also turn out three models of a shaft-operated binder, mass production of which is scheduled to begin this year.

NEW EXPERIMENTAL STATION NEAR POTSDAM -- Der Volksbetrieb, No 2, Jan 50

The Land government of Brandenburg is establishing an agrobiological experimental station, containing a Michurin demonstration garden, at Marquardt, near Potsdam. The station will utilize the methods of Michurin and Lysenko, tested in the USSR. Hermann Ernst and Doctor (fnu) Peters will be in charge of the station.

TO COMBINE PRIVATELY OWNED FORESTS WITH CO-OPS -- Der Volksbetrieb, No 2, Jan 50

Voluntary forest cooperatives are to be founded so that the forests owned by the peasants can be managed according to the Plan. Until the final settlement of this question, the privately owned forests will be managed by the Peasants' Mutual Aid Association. Privately owned forests less than 5 hectares in area are to be managed by the owners, within the forest cooperatives. The workers employed there are to enjoy the same rights as state-employed forest workers. The final authority on management questions lies with the government's Forest Administration. The property rights of the forest owners are not affected by the combining of private forests.

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SILKWORM RAISING IN ZWICKAU -- Forstwirtschaft, Holzwirtschaft, No 2, 15 Jan 50

Altogether 14,940 mulberry bushes have been planted in Zwickau Kreis. However, they are not being sufficiently utilized as food for silkworms. There are only 25 silkworm raisers in the entire Kreis; some of them have shown good results, but the situation with others leaves much to be desired. Of the 76 elementary schools in the Kreis, 13 raise silkworms, most of them with satisfactory results. It is recommended that silkworm raising be expanded to include all the other schools, inasmuch as it provides much useful material for the teaching program besides furnishing a material badly needed in the economy.

APPOINTED TO POST IN MINISTRY -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 45, 22 Feb 50

Prof (fnu) Moeller, dean of the agricultural faculty at the University of Rostock, has been appointed Departmental Chief in the German Democratic Republic's Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry. Moeller will continue his functions at the university.

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